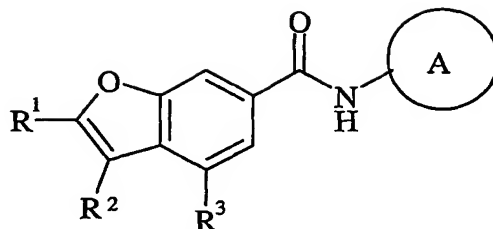


Claims

1. A compound of formula (I):



(I)

5 wherein:

Ring A is pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl; wherein said pyridin-2-yl or thiazol-2-yl may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^4 ;

One of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl; wherein R^1 and R^2 may be substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^5 ;

10 R^3 is selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy and heterocycloxy; wherein R^3 may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^6 ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^4 is selected from halo, carboxy and C_{1-4} alkyl;

15 R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from halo, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, N -(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino, N,N -(C_{1-4} alkyl)₂amino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocycloxy, heterocycloxy and carbocyclidenyl; wherein R^5 and R^6 may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more R^7 ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl;

20 R^7 is selected from halo, carboxy, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino and N -methyl- N -ethylamino; or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

25 2. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ring A is unsubstituted or is substituted by carboxy.

3. A compounds according to any one of the preceding claims wherein one of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl.

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4. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is selected from C_{1-4} alkoxy; wherein R^3 may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from R^6 .

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5. A compound according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^3 is selected from 2-fluorobenzyloxy, 5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy and 2-thien-3-ylethoxy

6. A compound according to Claim 1 selected from:

- 10 2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
2-methyl-4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(5-carboxythiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
2-methyl-4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
15 4-(2-fluorophenylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
4-(5-methylisoxazol-3-ylmethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
2-methyl-4-(thien-2-ylethoxy)-6-[*N*-(5-carboxypyridin-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
20 and
2-methyl-4-isobutoxy-6-[*N*-(thiazol-2-yl)carbamoyl]benzofuran;
or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

- 25 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, or a salt, pro-drug or solvate thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

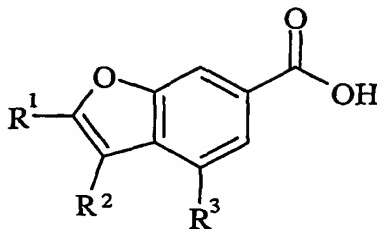
8. A compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 for use in the preparation of a medicament for treatment of a disease mediated through GLK.

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9. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I), as defined in Claim 1, or a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof which process (wherein variable groups are, unless otherwise specified, as defined in Claim 1) comprises:

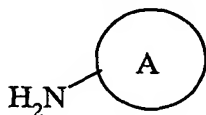
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Process 1): reacting an acid of formula (II):



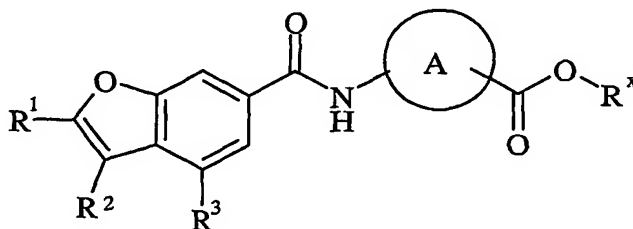
(II)

or an activated derivative thereof; with a compound of formula (III); or



(III)

Process 2) for compounds of formula (I) wherein R⁴ is carboxy; deprotecting a compound of formula (III):



(III)

wherein R^xC(O)O- is an ester group;

and thereafter if necessary or desirable:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I); and/or
- ii) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- iii) forming a salt, solvate or pro-drug thereof.

10. A compound of formula (III) as defined in Claim 9.